

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(23)

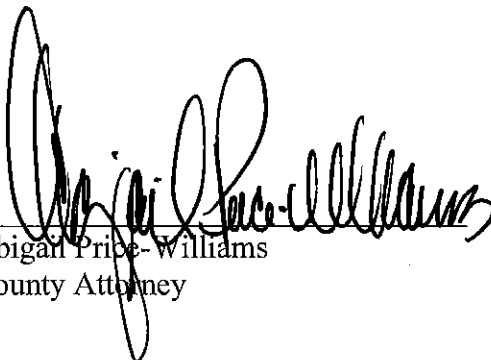
**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** September 7, 2016

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to allocate funding from Amendment 1 land and water conservation funds, state general revenue funds, or other available sources to be used for projects that may further or promote sustainability and resiliency in Miami-Dade County, such as beach renourishment, acquisition of environmentally endangered lands, and flood control projects; preliminarily identifying this issue as a critical County priority for the 2017 session

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FROM AMENDMENT 1 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS, STATE GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS, OR OTHER AVAILABLE SOURCES TO BE USED FOR PROJECTS THAT MAY FURTHER OR PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, SUCH AS BEACH RENOURISHMENT, ACQUISITION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS, AND FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS; PRELIMINARILY IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE AS A CRITICAL COUNTY PRIORITY FOR THE 2017 SESSION

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, Florida voters overwhelmingly approved Amendment 1, which dedicates a portion of state real estate documentary stamp taxes for the acquisition, restoration, improvement, and management of conservation lands and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams throughout Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, as the most populous county in Florida with numerous high value properties within its borders, Miami-Dade County generates over \$270 million each year in documentary stamp tax revenue, contributing a significant share of Florida's total documentary stamp tax revenue annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida is known for its beautiful rivers, lakes, streams, wetlands, forests, wildlife habitat, and beaches and shores, which are central to the quality of life, tourism industry, and economic vitality here; and

**WHEREAS**, outdoor recreation and tourism is one of Florida's most significant industries, drawing 90 million people annually to the state and contributing \$71 billion to our economy in 2012 alone; and

**WHEREAS**, it is widely accepted that Miami-Dade County is located in one of the most climate-vulnerable areas in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, among others, Miami-Dade County must confront the threats of sea level rise, flooding, and hurricanes, as well as ensure the preservation of the environment for the benefit of generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, Miami-Dade County must identify and implement various sustainability and resiliency measures that will guard against these threats and protect our natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, among others, such sustainability and resiliency projects may include beach renourishment, acquisition of environmentally endangered lands, and flood control projects; and

**WHEREAS**, because, as noted above, Miami-Dade County contributes a significant portion of funds collected statewide pursuant to Amendment 1, the County should receive its fair share of Amendment 1 land and water conservation funds to be used for the purposes identified above; and

**WHEREAS**, as Florida's most populous county and an important tourist destination and economic engine for the state, Miami-Dade County should also receive its fair share in state general revenues, or other available funds, to implement and carry out sustainability and resiliency projects that will ensure the protection of the residents and visitors here, as well as the environment and local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, therefore, to assist with implementing and carrying out important sustainability and resiliency projects, the state should allocate funding to such projects in Miami-Dade County from these sources,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that this Board:

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Legislature to allocate funding from Amendment 1 land and water conservation funds, state general revenue funds, or other available sources to be used for projects that may further or promote sustainability and resiliency in Miami-Dade County, such as beach renourishment, acquisition of environmentally endangered lands, and flood control funding projects.

**Section 2.** Preliminarily identifies the issue set forth in Section 1 above as a critical County priority for the 2017 state legislative session.

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

**Section 4.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the funding described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2017 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board and to preliminarily identify this item as a critical priority when the Board determines priorities for the 2017 session as provided in Resolution No. R-764-13.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Dennis C. Moss

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Daniella Levine Cava

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Rebeca Sosa

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



James Eddie Kirtley